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CLAIMS

- 1. A copolymer of ethylene and a vinyl compound (I) represented by the general formula $CH_2=CH-R$, wherein R is a saturated hydrocarbon group, the steric parameter Es of the substituent R is from -2.77 to -1.64 and the steric parameter B1 of the substituent R is from 1.53 to 2.90, wherein the copolymer substantially has no crystallinity.
- 2. A copolymer of ethylene and a vinyl compound (I) represented by the general formula CH_2 =CH-R, wherein R is a saturated hydrocarbon group, the steric parameter Es of the substituent R is from -2.77 to -1.64 and the steric parameter Es of the substituent R is from 1.53 to 2.90, wherein the copolymer has a structure in which carbons substituted with substituents R are separated from each other by one methylene unit in its skeleton.
 - 3. The copolymer according to claim 1, wherein the content of a unit derived from the vinyl compound (I) in the copolymer is from 5 to 90 mol%.
- 4. The copolymer according to claim 2, wherein the content of a unit derived from the vinyl compound (I) in the copolymer is from 5 to 90 mol%.
 - 5. The copolymer according to claim 1, wherein the substituent R in the vinyl compound (I) is a secondary alkyl group.
 - 6. The copolymer according to claim 2, wherein the substituent R in the vinyl compound (I) is a secondary alkyl

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group.

- 7. The copolymer according to claim 1, wherein the vinyl compound (I) is vinylcyclohexane.
- 8. The copolymer according to claim 2, wherein the vinyl compound (I) is vinylcyclohexane.
 - A molded article comprising the copolymer of claim
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- 11. The molded article according to claim 9, the molded article is a film, a sheet or a pipe.
 - 12. The molded article according to claim 10, the molded article is a film, a sheet or a pipe.
 - 13. An adhesive comprising the copolymer of claim 1 as an effective ingredient.
 - 14. An adhesive comprising the copolymer of claim 2 as an effective ingredient.
 - 15. A laminate comprising the copolymer of claim 1.
 - 16. A laminate comprising the copolymer of claim 2.